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Wesley Siddoway Rockport Rocks, LLC 5325 N. Bridle Circle Oakley, Utah 84055

Subject: <u>Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Rockport Rocks</u>, LLC, Rockport Rocks, S/043/0034, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Siddoway:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed the referenced Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI), and the following items will need to be addressed before the NOI can be determined complete:

- 1. Page 1 header. Please provide a Cultural Resource Survey.
- 2. Page 4, III. 5. Please provide a brief description, such as, "We will rip, load and haul sandstone for offsite processing," or as described in section 2.3 of the attachment.
- 3. Page 4, III. 6. Please add the length and width of the road to be widened, such as "A length of 1860 feet will be widened from 14 to 20 feet wide."
- 4. Page 6. Please check either yes or no for variances. If variances are requested, please provide the required information.
- 5. SMO Plan Attachment. The attachment is not required by rule.
- 6. SMO Plan Attachment, pages 6 & 7. As written the plan notes a 63-degree highwall. Rule R647-3-109-7 requires that the final highwall be reclaimed to 45 degrees or less. Please provide detail how this will be done or request a variance. A variance request would need to include a geotechnical report showing that the highwall will be stable at the reclaimed angle.
- 7. SMO Plan Attachment, page 7. Please commit to following national standards for blasting and vibration limits, i.e. no greater than two inches per second.
- 8. SMO Plan Attachment, page 8. The Division recommends that all storm water be retained on the site in temporary ponds.
- 9. SMO Plan Attachment, page 10. The Division recommends that all storm water be retained on the site in temporary ponds until vegetation has been established UTAH and sheet run off is no longer a problem.

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- 10. SMO Plan Attachment, page 10. If requested the Division will provide a seed mixture.
- 11. SMO Plan Attachment, Figure 1-7 and 1-8. Add slope angles to pit walls and consider comment #5 listed above.
- 12. SMO Plan Attachment. A letter from the Division of Wildlife Resources is not required by rule, but keep in mind that some species have federal protection. Care should be taken to avoid impacts to protected species.
- 13. SMO Plan Attachment. The royalty agreement is not required by rule.

Please provide your response as replacement pages to your original NOI, using Form MR-REV-SMO/EXP, available on the Division's web site at www.ogm.utah.gov

Please call me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 if you have questions regarding this letter. In reply, <u>please refer to file number S/043/0034</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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